



Beaver Creek Fire

August 8, 2016, 8:00 am

Closures & Advisories:

Closure orders have been issued for the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands and can be found at: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797

Evacuation orders remain in place as issued by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office

Fire Size Today:

35,340 acres (Current as of 8:00 am)

Containment:

28%

282 Firefighters:

3 crews, 29 engines, 2 dozers, 1 masticator, 2 feller bunchers and 4 helicopters, 1 air attack aircraft

Location:

24 miles north of Walden, Colorado

Fire is being managed on the Medicine Bow - Routt National Forests, BLM Kremmling Field Office, State of Colorado Lands, BLM Rawlins Field Office and Wyoming State Forestry Division

Started: 6/19/16. The cause of the fire is being actively investigated by U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement.

Management: Atlanta National Incident Management Organization (NIMO)

Summary: Firefighters experienced another quiet day on the Beaver Creek Fire despite overall drying conditions. More smokes were visible in some areas of the 51 day old blaze. The northeastern front of the fire has proven challenging over the past week, but received .25" of rain on Saturday, slowing one of the most active areas of the fire.

Weather: While scattered trace amounts of rainfall have been received, fire activity is expected to begin picking up slowly as temperatures increase. While the potential for thunderstorms exist today, a drying trend will be reestablishing in the area with no precipitation in the extended forecast.

Structure Protection: Fire crews continue to reassess structure protection efforts in the eastern and southeastern portions of the fire where structures are present. In some areas, equipment such as hose and sprinklers may be moved to areas where the need is more critical. Maintenance of this type of equipment is occurring where the fire has potential to test firelines.

Today: Firefighters will begin repairing roads in the western half of the fire that have been damaged in the course of the fire, or by high fire vehicle traffic. As structure protection equipment is removed or relocated firefighters are working to repair roads where the fire has had an impact, either due to the wildfire or heavy fire traffic. Hazard trees are being removed that could potentially fall into roadways.

A structure protection unit will be put in place today to begin evaluating areas north of the fire in Carbon County as a precautionary measure in the event the fire makes a northward push.

Resources assigned to the east/southeast area of the fire are being reduced as significant progress has been made to protect structures, grazing lands, hay meadows and other values.

Firefighters continue to hold the fire along the southern edge in check and are staged to catch the fire if it enters the sage and grass. There will continue to be fire activity in the interior as many stringers of dead and down fuels from the beetle kill burn as the day heats up.

NOTE: A community meeting will be held in Walden on Wednesday, August 10th at the Jerelin Wattenberg Event Center, Jackson County Fairgrounds from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

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